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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION

AND

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 26, 2003, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until November 26, 2003.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one month to extend the period for response until December 29, 2003 (December 26, 2003 the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was closed and December 27, 2003 being a Saturday), and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month accompanied by the government extension of time fee. If for any reason the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office, if the fee is deficient and/or any extension of time is needed for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain

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the pendency of the application, and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.